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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006, please file the attached substitute specification.

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## Remarks/Arguments

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of the claims as filed. The examiner has noted that the Greek letter "p" did not appear correctly in the electronically filed specification and has suggested that a substitute specification be filed. Apparently, a square appeared in the version available to the examiner, rather than the character symbol. Since this change appears only in the image available to the examiner and does not appear in the electronic filing available to the undersigned, a marked version of the specification has not been prepared at this time, as it is believed that no changes are actually being made. A clean substitute specification, including claims and abstract, is filed herewith. The substitute specification contains no new matter. The undersigned wishes to express appreciation to the Patent Office in connection with the development of the recently-implemented web-based electronic filling system, which appears to avoid such transmission failures.

In view of the forgoing correction to the specification, it is believed that all outstanding matters have been addressed and that the case is in condition for allowance. The examiner's reconsideration of the case is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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